

## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

**SUBJECT: (Optional)** DCI 23 October 1986 Meeting with  
U.S. Ambassador to Austria Ronald Lauder

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1. ADC/EUR 21/10 9 This is to confirm a courtesy call to you by Ronald Lauder, U.S. Ambassador to Austria, at 1300 hours, 23 October. Chief, European Division, [redacted] will escort Ambassador Lauder during his call on you.

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 SUBJECT: TERRORISM: PLANNED ABU NIDAL OPERATION AGAINST  
 US EMBASSY VIENNA

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, LATE LAST EVENING  
 (OCTOBER 10) EMBASSY RECEIVED THROUGH OUR INTELLIGENCE  
 CHANNELS REPORTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELIABLE NOTING THAT  
 AN ABU NIDAL HIT TEAM IS IN VIENNA TARGETED AGAINST  
 THE EMBASSY WITH THE LIKELY OBJECTIVE OF TAKING HOSTAGES.

3. IN RESPONSE TO THOSE REPORTS, AMBASSADOR IMMEDIATELY  
 CALLED ON THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AUSTRIAN SECURITY  
 AFFAIRS DANZINGER (MINISTER OF INTERIOR BLECHA WAS  
 NOT IN VIENNA) AND THE RSO MET WITH THE CHIEF OF VIENNA  
 POLICE. BOTH TOOK THE REPORTS SERIOUSLY AND HAVE  
 INCREASED POLICE COVERAGE OF THE EMBASSY AND OTHER  
 POSSIBLE US TARGETS, SUCH AS RESIDENCES, SCHOOL, ETC.  
 IN ADDITION, AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE ASSURED US THAT  
 THEY WILL TRY TO LOCATE AND TRACK THE TERRORIST TEAM  
 REPORTED TO BE IN VIENNA.

4. EMBASSY CONVENED EMERGENCY ACTION COMMITTEE SATURDAY  
 MORNING, OCTOBER 11, TO DISCUSS SECURITY SITUATIONS AND  
 FURTHER MEASURES FOR AMERICAN COMMUNITY. WE ARE IN-  
 FORMING ALL CONCERNED ELEMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY OF HEIGHT-  
 ENED THREAT SITUATION AND HAVE ADOPTED WHAT OTHER PRUDENT  
 MEASURES WE CAN CONSISTENT WITH OPERATING EFFECTIVELY.

5. WE EXPECT THAT BOTH INCREASED SECURITY MEASURES  
 INSTITUTED BY THE AUSTRIAN POLICE AND OUR ALERT OF THE  
 AMERICAN COMMUNITY WILL BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. WE  
 WILL TELL THE PRESS IF ASKED THAT OUR MEASURES ARE A  
 RESPONSE TO INFORMATION REGARDING A THREAT FROM  
 MIDDLE EASTERN TERRORISTS AGAINST AN OFFICIAL US  
 INSTALLATION IN VIENNA. WE DO NOT INTEND TO IDENTIFY  
 SOURCING OF THE REPORT. WE ARE ALSO KEEPING THE  
 AUSTRIANS INFORMED OF HOW WE ARE DEALING WITH THE

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SITUATION, INCLUDING THE PUBLIC ASPECT, AND HOPE  
THAT THEY WILL BE DISCREET IN PROTECTING INFORMATION  
SOURCE.

6. OUTSIDE OF THE INITIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, WE  
HAVE RECEIVED NO FURTHER AMPLIFYING INFORMATION.  
WE WILL CONTINUE TO NEED URGENTLY ALL CURRENT INFORMATION  
ON THIS THREAT, AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

LAUDER  
END OF MESSAGE

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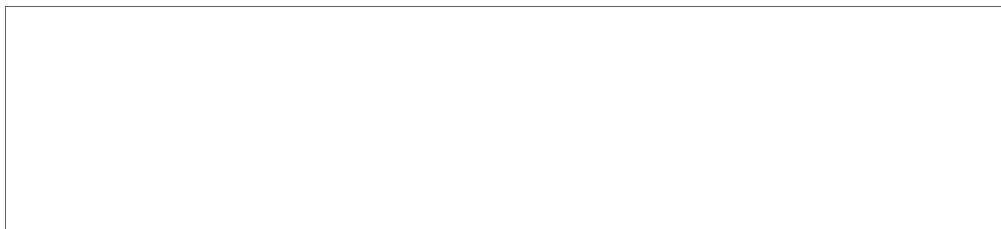
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1. GOA HAS ADVISED EMBASSY THAT EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE TERRORISTS HAS TO DATE MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. INVESTIGATION HAS INCLUDED A CHECK OF ALL HOTELS IN VIENNA, AIRPORT AND BORDER CROSSING POINTS, IN ADDITION TO FOREIGNER'S CONTROL OF MIDDLE EASTERN CITIZENS WORKING AND LIVING IN VIENNA. GOA IS OF THE OPINION THE ABU NIDAL TEAM IS NOT HERE ALTHOUGH THEY RECOGNIZE THAT WITH 165 MILLION PERSONS CROSSING THEIR BORDERS EACH YEAR, THE TEAM COULD HAVE SLIPPED IN WITHOUT BEING CHECKED.

2. GOA HAS BEEN EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE IN MEETING EMBASSY REQUESTS FOR INCREASED SECURITY AT ALL INSTALLATIONS. MEASURES TAKEN TO DATE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- EIGHT (8) MAN SWAT AT EMBASSY.
- INCREASED SECURITY PATROLS OF ALL USG HOUSING AND RESIDENCES OF SENIOR OFFICERS
- ADDITIONAL POLICE POSTED AT CONSULATE IN MARRIOTT HOTEL, WHICH, ALTHOUGH OFFICE SPACE HAS RECENTLY INSTALLED PAC, WOULD BE LIKELY TARGET BECAUSE OF EASE IN CASING THE FACILITY.
- EIGHT (8) MAN SWAT AT AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL DAY.
- POLICE SURVEILLANCE OF 12 SCHOOL BUSES USED TO TRANSPORT CHILDREN TO AND FROM SCHOOL.
- INCREASED SECURITY AT BILATERAL AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.
- POLICE COVERAGE FOR CONSUL GENERAL SALZBURG.

3. MSGS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON ALERT STATUS. ADDITIONAL

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MSGs HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO CHANCERY. OFF DUTY MARINES ARE  
ON STANDBY AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS SO AS TO AVOID HAVING MOST  
OF THE MSGs IN MSG HOUSE AT ANY ONE TIME.

4. AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL, AMERICAN STAFF HAS BEEN ALERTED  
TO THE THREAT. SINCE A SECURITY PRECAUTION REMINDER WAS  
JUST DISSEMINATED TWO WEEKS AGO, POST IS NOT PLANNING ON  
ANY ADDITIONAL NOTICES AT THIS TIME. EVEN THOUGH PLANNED  
OPERATION IS AGAINST THE EMBASSY, KEY AMERICAN COMPANIES  
HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED TO BE ALERT. EMBASSY PLANS TO RECONVENE  
EAC LATER IN THE WEEK TO REVIEW SECURITY SITUATION. POST  
WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE AT THAT TIME. LAUDER  
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BIOGRAPHIC PROFILE

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA RONALD S LAUDER

Mr. Lauder was born in New York on February 26, 1944. He received a degree in French Literature from the Sorbonne in 1964; a bachelor's degree from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, in 1965; and, in 1966, attended the University of Brussels. From 1966 to 1974, he served in the Coast Guard Reserve. He speaks French and German.

In 1967, Mr. Lauder became an executive trainee in the Paris office of Estee Lauder International. Subsequently, he held various managerial positions, including executive vice president in the New York office from 1968 to 1982. In 1982, he was named chairman of the firm. From 1983 to early 1986, Mr. Lauder served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Europe and NATO Policy.

In April 1986, President Reagan nominated Mr. Lauder as Ambassador to Austria. He arrived Vienna and assumed his ambassadorial responsibilities on 28 April 1986.

Mr. Lauder is married to Jo Carole Knopf Lauder. They have two daughters, Aerin Rebecca and Jane Alexandra

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